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For: TRACHEAL CATHETER AND
PROSTHESIS AND METHOD OF
RESPIRATORY SUPPORT OF A PATIENT

Examiner: T. K. Mitchell

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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One or more reference cited herein is a related foreign application. An English language version of the foreign applications is attached for the Examiner's information. See References: WO 2005/014091 is the English Language equivalent to CN 200480029872, DE 10337138.9, EP 1654023, IN 317/KOLNP/06, and JP 2006/522883.

One or more references cited herein was cited in the International Search Report for WO 2005/014091, dated January 17, 2005. A Copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. See References DE 19626924, EP 0778035, US 5,400,778, and US 5,184,610, which were previously submitted.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii), an English abstract is provided on the face of the non-English reference Rothe, et al. Pneumologie, 1996, Vol. 50, No. 10, pp. 700-02.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Examiner is advised that the following applications contain subject matter that may be related to the present application, in addition to any previously cited. By bringing these applications to the Examiner's attention, Applicant does not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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